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FOR BIRNBAUM (AID) FROM BAKER

E. O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EFIN, IFAD

SUBJ: IFAD CATEGORY I MEETING, DEC. 24

- 1. ON THURSDAY, NOV. 24, IFAD CATEGORY I COUNTRIES MET AT FAO TO AGAIN DISCUSS CONSTITUENCY PROBLEM. MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY CHRISTIAN WILL, FRG, IN ABSENCE OF REGULAR ROME IFAD CHAIRMAN PAUL ALPEN OF AUSTRALIA.
- 2. WILL TRIED TO SEPARATE AUSTRIA AND JAPAN AND PUSH AUSTRIA INTO FRENCH/ITALIAN GROUP AND JAPAN INTO THE CANADA, NZ, AND AUSTRALIA GROUP. BOTH JAPAN AND AUSTRIA INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO SEPARATE, BUT ONLY IF AN ACCEPTABLE GROUP WILL TAKE EACH ONE. FRANCE AND ITALY APPEARED SYMPATHETIC BUT WOULD NOT COMMIT THEMSELVES. JAPAN IS WILLING TO JOIN A PACIFIC GROUP WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, BUT NOBODY WANTS CANADA. WILL AGAIN TRIED TO PUT CANADA WITH THE U.S., BUT FODAG OFFICER MADE CLEAR U.S. POSITION HAD NOT CHANGED FROM THAT ENUNCIATED BY BIRNBAUM AT NOV 22 IFAD MEETING.
- 3. WILL THEN TRIED TO REORGANIZE IFAD CATEGORY I MEETING ON MONDAY, DEC. 12, JUST BEFORE START OF IFAD GOVERNING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNCIL. GROUP FELT THIS WAS TOO LATE TO TRY TO SETTLE CONSTITUENCY QUESTION AND AGREED TO MEET ON FRIDAY, DEC. 9 AT THE U.S. EMBASSY AT 9:30.

4. AGENDA WILL INCLUDE CONSTITUENCY ISSUE AND A NUMBER OF IFAD ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES. AL SUDEARY HAS PROMISED TO DISTRIBUTE SHORTLY A PAPER ON SALARY STRUCTURE. HE INFORMED WILL

THAT HE PLANNED TO CONFORM TO THE COMMON UN SALARY SYSTEM AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE BUT MAY CONTRACT THE NUMBER OF STEPS IN EACH GRADE. HE IS ALSO REVISING THE SECTION IN GC/L.15 OF OCT. 28, 1977 ON PROJECT CONTROLLERS WHO WILL HOLD JOBS AT THE LEVEL OF P-1 TO 5.

5. WILL POINTED OUT THAT \$900,000 FOR EXECUTIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF DID NOT INCLUDE SALARY OF PRESIDENT AND SINGLE VICE-PRESIDENT, BUT THIS WAS TAKEN CARE OF OUT OF THE PROPOSED CONTINGENCY FUND. WILL EXPLICITLY STATED THAT AL-SUDEARY HAD ASSURED HIM THERE WOULD ONLY BE ONE VICE-PRESIDENT. GARDNER

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